

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Grigalus

May 21, 1968

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**REASONS FOR REQUEST OF  
ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AUTHORIZATION**

Authority for electronic surveillance of Bayard Rustin, Apartment 2J, 340 West 25th Street, New York, New York, was obtained on October 31, 1965. This surveillance was requested in order to develop information regarding the plans of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), relating to influence in racial matters. On June 5, 1965, and November 26, 1965, the Attorney General was advised that the surveillance would be continued for an additional six months unless he instructed to the contrary.

**SECURITY PURPOSES INTENDED TO BE SERVED BY  
SURVEILLANCE WHEN INSTITUTED AND PERIODICALLY CONTINUED**

Reliable information had been received that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary of the CPUSA, indicated at a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, that he had been maintaining liaison with Bayard Rustin. Davis had also commented that the Negroes were willing to know what the Communist Party had to say and to welcome whatever support the communists could give "in this new stage, which is how to break the resistance of the Dixiecrats and how to stop the McCarran Act." This coverage provided valuable data regarding communist influences in racial matters particularly communist influences on the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

**INFORMATION CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT COVERAGE WAS  
MONITORED ON DIFFERENT SURVEILLANCES ON THE SAME PREMISES**

No other coverage was monitored on different surveillances on the same premises.

① - 100-158790 (Rustin)  
1 - 66-8160

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ENCLOSURE

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

2-17-81  
Class. & Ext. by SP-6 BJS/BJG/BJG  
Reason: FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 (2)  
Date of Review 5-21-89

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**NATIONAL SECURITY DANGERS WHICH COULD RESULT  
FROM DISCLOSURE OF SURVEILLANCE TO THE DEFENSE**

Though this electronic surveillance has been discontinued, its disclosure to the defense would be prejudicial to national security interests since pertinent data developed regarding the activities of the CPUSA would be revealed. ✓

Attached is a copy of a Memorandum for the Attorney General dated October 18, 1963, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, Internal Security - C," which represents the original request for authority to install the electronic surveillance on the apartment of Bayard Rustin. Also enclosed is one copy each of memoranda for the Attorney General dated June 4, 1963, and November 26, 1963, captioned "Bayard Rustin, Security Matter - Communist," which contain data regarding the continuation of this electronic surveillance. ✓

Attachments - 3

NOTE:

Original and one copy sent to the Attorney General by transmittal letter captioned "Electronic Surveillances," dated 5/21/69. ✓

Classified "~~Top Secret~~" since unauthorized disclosure of data herein could result in exceptionally grave damage to national defense interests. ✓

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-3-116

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 28, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Bayard Rustin resides at Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York, New York. Rustin, who was the Deputy Director of the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, continues to participate in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. According to a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), while at a recent meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, indicated that he is maintaining liaison with Rustin. Davis also commented recently, according to this same source, that the Negroes are now willing to know what the Communist Party has to say and to welcome whatever support the communists can give "in this new stage, which is how to break the resistance of the Dixiecrats and how to stop the McCarran Act."

In order to obtain further information concerning the plans of the CPUSA relating to influence in racial matters, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the residence of Bayard Rustin or on any future residence to which he moves.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 07-15-2009 BY 60322 UC LP/PLJ/LCW

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROVED *[Signature]*

DATE 10/31/63

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. (IS) 100-442529

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 4, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

A technical surveillance was instituted on the residence of Bayard Rustin, Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York City, on November 15, 1963. Rustin is a former member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He has for many years maintained an association with members of the Communist Party, USA. Rustin is a principal leader in the civil rights movement and is frequently an advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr.

This technical surveillance has provided much valuable intelligence concerning communist influences in the civil rights movement, particularly through specific communist influences upon King. It has also been a prolific source relative to advance planning of racial demonstrations throughout the country. Some examples will serve to illustrate.

In February, 1965, information was obtained concerning King's meeting with his advisors who have communist backgrounds prior to a meeting which King had with the President and you. During March, 1965, we learned of the plans of King and the aforementioned advisors relative to the marches which took place that month in the Selma - Montgomery, Alabama, area. In April, 1965, we learned that King was joining others to protest the United States policy relative to Vietnam.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. (IS) 100-442529

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 26, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

A technical surveillance was instituted on the residence of Bayard Rustin, Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York City, on November 15, 1963. Rustin is a former member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He has for many years maintained an association with members of the Communist Party, USA. Rustin is a principal leader in the civil rights movement and is a frequent and close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr.

This technical surveillance has provided much valuable information concerning communist influences in the civil rights movement, particularly through specific communist influences upon King. It has also provided information concerning the communist influences upon King relative to King's position concerning the Vietnam situation. Some examples will serve to illustrate.

In July, August and September, 1965, information was obtained that Rustin was preparing speeches and other material as well as counseling King in respect to the Vietnam situation. In this regard, it is noted that King has been taking a position opposed to this country's foreign policy relative to Vietnam. During August, 1965, Rustin closely counseled King relative to the position which the latter took and expressions made by King concerning the riots which had occurred in Los Angeles, California, during that month. Information was also obtained concerning the role which Rustin played as an advisor to King relative to a conference of civil rights leaders which was held in Washington, D. C., November 17-18, 1965.

Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# Memorandum ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: January 25, 1966

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

JUNE

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Rozamus
- 1 - Mr. Bates

SUBJECT: BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On November 15, 1963, a technical surveillance, [redacted] was instituted on Bayard Rustin, 340 West 28th Street, New York City. He is a former member of the Young Communist League and has for many years maintained contact with some Communist Party, USA, leaders. He is a known sexual pervert. Rustin is a prominent Negro civil rights leader and a close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. The purpose of this surveillance is to determine communist influence on Rustin's activities in the civil rights movement, as well as influence exerted on King by Rustin.

This surveillance costs approximately \$254.83 per month and utilizes a leased line. It is monitored at the New York Office.

This surveillance has provided valuable information concerning Rustin's influence in the civil rights movement and the peace movement, particularly through his specific influence on King. In July, August, and September, 1965, this source furnished information that Rustin was preparing speeches and counseling King in respect to the Vietnam situation. Rustin closely counseled King relative to the position which King took concerning the riots which occurred in Los Angeles, California, in August, 1965, the source reported.

King, in the Summer of 1965, became the center of violent controversy when he indicated he planned to write letters as a peace move to the heads of all countries involved in the Vietnam situation. By memorandum dated September 16, 1965, we furnished the White House information from this source that King would not write the proposed letters, as he had previously indicated. This was the initial indication that King had backed down from his controversial plan. This source also furnished information concerning the role Rustin played in arranging for a conference of civil rights leaders to be held at the White House in November, 1965. This information was furnished the White House on August 17, 1965, far in advance of the scheduled conference.

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1 - 100-442529 (Communist Influence on Racial Matters)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: BAYARD RUSTIN  
100-158790

Rustin is in close contact with Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel, all key advisors to King who have backgrounds linking them to the communist movement. He is probably King's outstanding contact man with various Negro leaders. Evidence that Rustin still plays an important part in King's activities was furnished by the source on 1/2/66, when Rustin was contacted by Harry Wachtel to see if Rustin would go to Atlanta, Georgia, on 1/14/66 to participate in the scheduled executive meeting of the American Foundation for Non-Violence, a new tax exempt organization formed as a fund-collecting apparatus for King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Rustin indicated he would try to attend this meeting.

OBSERVATION:

Rustin is a very competent individual who is widely known in the civil rights field. He is personally familiar with numerous individuals with communist backgrounds. As one of Martin Luther King's closest advisors, he is in a position to wield considerable influence on King's activities. Technical coverage of Rustin is an important part of the overall coverage of King, who is the most prominent civil rights leader in the country today. Because of the influence being exerted on King by persons with subversive backgrounds, it is necessary for us to maintain coverage of individuals such as Rustin.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to fulfill the Bureau's responsibilities to uncover communist influence in racial matters, it is recommended that technical coverage of Rustin be continued.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. (IS) 100-442529

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 4, 1965 *7-1 mch*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: <sup>①</sup>BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST *mm June*

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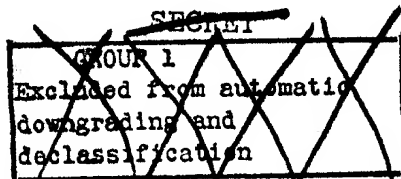
Unless you instruct to the contrary, this technical surveillance will be continued for an additional six months.

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Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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(IS) 100-442529

June 4, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Phillips

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Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Memorandum for the Attorney General  
RE: Bayard Rustin  
(IS) 100-442529

NOTE:

Classified "~~Secret~~" since it concerns a tesur, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in serious damage to the Bureau's security coverage to the detriment of national security.

This memorandum recommends the continuation of this tesur in accordance with current policy which requires approval by the Attorney General for installation and continuation of all such coverage. This surveillance is covered by symbol

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Date: 1/12/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTELAIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-158790)  
SAC, NEW YORK (100-46729)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (66-1851)

RE: BAYARD RUSTIN  
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Re Buairtel 1/4/65 and San Francisco airtel 1/6/65.

The following is deemed of interest to the Bureau and New York with regard to the criminal record of BAYARD RUSTIN as a homosexual, because it demonstrates that the Minutemen organization is aware of his arrest in Pasadena, California, in 1953.

The San Francisco Office is presently conducting back-ground information on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ area, which is at the southern end of San Francisco Bay. He has been told by individuals who claim to be members of the Minutemen that members of police departments and other law enforcement agencies are members of the Minutemen. They have not yet been identified to him.

He has also been told that the Minutemen have access to police records and identification records. He suspects that this access is in the Southern California area, possibly at or near Santa Barbara. He was told that the Minutemen know that one of the leaders of the March on Washington had an arrest record as a homosexual. He has now reported that his associates in the

- ③ - Bureau (AM-RM)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Minutemen have identified this individual as BAYARD RUSTIN and have stated that he was arrested as a homosexual in Pasadena.

While not sufficient contact has been had with to fully evaluate his veracity and potentiality, it is believed significant that the above information is, in fact, accurate and does demonstrate that the Minutemen do have access to this type of information.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and the Office of Origin.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile ~~100-3-116~~) DATE: 11/16/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character of Case IS-C  
Field Office New York  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical) ~~CONF. INT.~~  
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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

BAYARD RUSTIN

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

340 West 28th Street  
Apartment 9J  
New York, New York

3. Location [REDACTED]

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorization by Bureau airtel to New York, 11/1/63;  
installed on 11/15/63.

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5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None.

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? No.

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No.

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? No.

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1 - New York (100-153735) (42)

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? Private.

e. If a party line, how many parties? -----

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:  
None.

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

None.

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached Pages 2A, 2B and 2C.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No.

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

None.

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No.

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

(S) No.

14. Cost of [redacted]

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(S) a. Rental costs for [redacted] No cost.

(S) b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored [redacted]

(S) 87 surveillances, consisting of [redacted] lines, are covered

(S) [redacted]

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8/24/64

Source furnished information concerning a contact between RUSTIN and [redacted] (a confidante of RUSTIN's), during which time RUSTIN related to her information he had received concerning a meeting of the President and civil rights leaders on that date.

*Cont.* In addition, the source furnished information that RUSTIN was helping MARTIN LUTHER KING prepare his testimony (to present to the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party), as well as information regarding the seating of the Freedom Party delegation. (Disseminated to the Bureau, Atlanta and to New York case files in airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 8/24/64).

8/25/64

*Cont.* Source advised that RUSTIN and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and ANDREW YOUNG (Assistant to KING), conferred concerning the Democratic National Convention, which was to open on 8/24/64, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. During their conference, RUSTIN advised KING as to what strategy he should use in regard to the Convention, as well as to when he should arrive and depart at and from the Convention. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and Newark by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 8/25/64).

9/16/64

Source furnished information about RUSTIN's contact with the New York Office of the FBI, during which time he furnished information relating to the Harlem riots. In substance, the information was that RUSTIN, while in Harlem during the riots, observed two automobiles carrying occupants who were observed distributing literature, one piece of which branded [redacted] as a murderer. (Disseminated to the Bureau, Newark, Baltimore, Philadelphia and WFO by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 9/16/64.)

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9/25/64

Source furnished information indicating that RUSTIN and MARTIN LUTHER KING were in conference on that date. Among the matters discussed was a speaking engagement which KING was to make in Newark, New Jersey, 11/11/64, (actually occurred on 10/11/64).

The source also advised that RUSTIN was being considered for membership on the Board of Directors of Haryou-Act, New York City. (Disseminated to Bureau, Newark and New York files by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 9/29/64).

10/6/64

RUSTIN was in contact with [redacted] (a confidante) on that date. RUSTIN told her about the SCLC Convention which was held in Savannah, Georgia, on 9/29 through 10/2/64. He said in this regard that he wrote the Economics Section of the SCLC Program.

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RUSTIN also elaborated on KING's speaking engagement for 10/10/64, in Newark. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and Newark by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 10/6/64).

10/20/64

RUSTIN, according to the source, was in touch with WALTER FAUNTROY (Director of the Washington, D.C. branch of the SCLC). FAUNTROY advised that KING was considering a plan whereby all of the civil rights leaders who signed the moratorium on demonstrations would tour the country and encourage people to vote on 11/3/64. The source also furnished the dates and cities to be included in the tour. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles and WFO by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 10/20/64).

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Source advised that RUSTIN and HARRY WACHTEL were in conference on that date. RUSTIN advised that he was going to California for about ten days for the purpose of collecting money for the A. PHILIP RANDOLPH Institute.

RUSTIN and WACHTEL discussed the article of KING's which is scheduled to appear in "The Saturday Evening Post". WACHTEL told RUSTIN to tell KING that "they" (WACHTEL and RUSTIN) had made the necessary changes in the article. (Furnished to Bureau, Atlanta by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 10/23/64).

| 11/3/64

Source furnished information indicating that BAYARD RUSTIN and Dr. RALPH BUNCHE were in contact on that date. RUSTIN inquired if BUNCHE would be prepared to be Chairman of the Welcoming Committee of a large dinner in behalf of MARTIN LUTHER KING after his return from Oslo, Norway, where he will receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Source also advised that RUSTIN was in contact with HARRY WACHTEL about the KING reception. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and relevant case files in airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/6/64).

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

No cost.

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$19.00 per month.

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working [ ] and total salary costs.

41 Special Agents, 9 special employees and 3 clerks [ ]  
Total salary cost [ ]

- b. Total number of man hours per week spent [ ]

2120 man hours per week available [ ]

- c. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

- d. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

17. Remarks (By SAC):

This source has furnished information of inestimable value pertaining to the civil rights movement, demonstrations relating thereto, and the plans of its leaders, particularly MARTIN LUTHER KING. Furthermore, the source has furnished information concerning the political significance of some of the civil rights demonstrations, and actions by some of the leaders of the civil rights movement. In view of these factors alone, it would seem absolutely necessary that this source be continued.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

[ ] is a technical surveillance (tesur) on Bayard Rustin, 340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J, New York City, authorized 11/1/63; installed 11/15/63. Rustin, a former member of the Young Communist League and a convicted homosexual, is currently a frequent and close advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr. Considerable intelligence is available concerning the racial movement generally and the communist influences therein through coverage of the Rustin - King relationship. b2

During the past three months very valuable information has been obtained from this source. Some examples are: On 8/24, 25/64 information obtained concerning plans of King to testify before the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Committee and strategy King intended to use at the Democratic Party Convention. On 9/25/64 and 10/6/64 information obtained concerning a speaking engagement of King. On 10/6/64 source advised concerning the Convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (headed by King) held 9/29-10/2/64 and the fact that Rustin wrote a section of the SCLC program. On 10/20/64 intelligence obtained concerning plans of King and other civil rights leaders to tour the country on a "get out the vote" campaign. Valuable specifics obtained. On 10/22/64 information obtained concerning a conference between Rustin and another of King's advisors, Harry Wachtel, concerning an article to appear in "The Saturday Evening Post" under King's name. On 11/3/64 information obtained concerning a contact between Rustin and Dr. Ralph Bunche of the United Nations relative to plans for welcoming King back to the United States after he receives the Nobel Prize.

The continuing flow of information of considerable value pertaining to the civil rights movement and specifically the activities of King, ~~including information~~ thus enabling the Bureau to keep the White House and other government officials promptly informed, dictates the desirability for continuing this source for an additional three months. Same is recommended.

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Evans ☐  
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Rosen ☐  
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Holmes ☐  
Gandy ☐

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 6, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

JUNE

SUBJECT: BAYARD RUSTIN  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

The Director has instructed that there are to be no technical surveillances in cases which would thereby be tainted for prosecution.

[redacted] is a technical surveillance on Bayard Rustin, Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York City. It was authorized 11/1/63 and installed 11/15/63. Rustin, a former member of the Young Communist League, is an extremely active leader in the Negro movement and was Deputy Director of the 8/28/63 March on Washington. He was formerly an employee of Martin Luther King, Jr., and in recent months has been a close advisor to King, particularly in connection with King's activities relating to the Democratic National Convention recently held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Because of the communist influences on King and the background of Rustin, who still maintains some communist associations, we have been securing very valuable information through this source.

There is no prosecutive action pending relative to Rustin and, on the basis of the facts known concerning him, none appears indicated in the foreseeable future. It would therefore be well to continue this technical surveillance because of its large contribution to our intelligence in the most important racial movement area of our responsibilities.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The technical surveillance on Bayard Rustin, [redacted] be continued.

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1 - 100-442529 (CIRM) (JUNE)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-3-116 ) DATE: 8/18/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION; COMMUNIST  
INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character of Case IS-C

Field Office New York

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance: (Technical) ~~XXX~~~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

BAYARD RUSTIN

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

340 West 28th Street

Apartment 9J

New York New York

3. Location

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorization by Bureau airtel to New York, 11/1/63; installed on 11/15/63.

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None.

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? No

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? No

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? JUNE Private

e. If a party line, how many parties? -----

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

None

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

None

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached pages 2A and 2B.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

No

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

(S) No

(S) 14. Cost

a. Rental

No cost

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(S) b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored

103 surveillances, consisting of lines, are covered

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5/21/64

Information received that BAYARD RUSTIN and CLEVELAND ROBINSON (Secretary-Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO) conferred. ROBINSON said there would be another March on Washington, D.C., on 6/15/64, to be lead by ROBINSON, and made up of ministers, rabbis and labor leaders. (Submitted to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 5/22/64).

7/17/64

RUSTIN and MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., conferred, according to the source. The purpose of the conference was to gather background information on KING to be presented to a Swedish group considering the Nobel Prize for KING.

In addition, the source said RUSTIN apprised KING that he would meet with JAMES FARMER (CORE Director) and others in Jackson, Mississippi, on 7/22/64. (Furnished to Bureau, Memphis and New Orleans by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/17/64).

7/18/64

Information received that RUSTIN conferred with one AL LOWENSTEIN (ph) about the situation in Mississippi. RUSTIN said there would be a meeting on Thursday (7/23/64) afternoon in Jackson, Mississippi, which had been called by FORMAN and MOSES (JAMES FORMAN, Executive Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC, and ROBERT MOSES, Director of the Voter Registration Project in Mississippi) and which was to have been attended by ELLA J. BAKER (of SNCC), MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, JAMES FARMER, RUSTIN and others. The meeting concerned the Freedom Democratic Party. (Disseminated to Bureau, Memphis and New Orleans by airtel and letterhead memorandum).

7/26/64

Source advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., conferred with RUSTIN and sought RUSTIN's advice as to what his role as a

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leader in the non-violent revolution in relation to the riots in Harlem and Rochester, should be. KING sought his advice since he was going to talk with Mayor WAGNER on 7/27/64. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and other interested offices by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/28/64).

7/30/64

The source advised that RUSTIN and Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., conferred on that date regarding KING's appointment with the Mayor (WAGNER). RUSTIN informed KING that he had prepared a press statement for his use. (Disseminated to Bureau and Atlanta by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 7/30/64).

7/31/64

The source advised that RUSTIN was in contact with one DON ALEXANDER of radio station WLIB in New York. RUSTIN gave his observations as a consequence of Mayor WAGNER's refusal to appoint a Civilian Police review board. He said that as a result "we" (Negro leaders) could not request the Negro Community to refrain from demonstrating as they had been requested by civil rights leaders on 7/29/64. (Disseminated to Bureau, Atlanta and New York files in airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 8/3/64).

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

No cost

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$19.00 per month

16. Personnel Costs:

- a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working [ ] and total salary costs.

(S)

38 Special Agents, 8 special employees and 1 clerk [ ]

(S)

Total salary cost [ ]

- b. Total number of man hours per week spent [ ]

(S)

1880 man hours per week available [ ]

(S)

- c. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

(S)

(S)

- d. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

In light of the current civil rights strife and RUSTIN's participation therein, it is believed that the continuation of this source is necessary to permit the Bureau to continue the fulfillment of its responsibilities. Furthermore, this source has been of extreme importance in furnishing information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., his plans and contacts. This in itself would appear to be sufficient to continue the source.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

[ ] is a technical surveillance (tesur) on Bayard Rustin, 340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J, New York City. It was authorized 11/1/63 and installed 11/15/63. This communication contains the results of coverage by this tesur during the past 3 months. Rustin, who has admitted prior communist affiliation, continues to be an influential figure in the current Negro freedom movement.

During the past 3 months valuable information has been obtained from this source, which information has been utilized in the Bureau's investigation concerning the communist influence in racial matters. This information has included details concerning meeting between Rustin and Cleveland Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer, District 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO, wherein it was agreed to have another March on Washington on 6/15/64 to be led by Robinson and made up of ministers, rabbis and labor leaders; Rustin's conference with Martin Luther King, Jr., 7/17/64, regarding background information on King to be presented to a Swedish group considering the Nobel prize for King; Rustin's conference on 7/18/64 regarding the Mississippi situation--they discussed a meeting to be held 7/23/64 at Jackson, Mississippi, which meeting was to be attended by leaders of the various racial groups, including Martin Luther King, Jr. King conferred with Rustin on 7/26/64 seeking advice regarding the riots in the Harlem area of New York City and Rochester, New York. King also sought advice regarding his conference with New York City Mayor Wagner. This source also furnished information regarding Rustin's observations as a consequence of Mayor Wagner's refusal to appoint a civilian police review board. Rustin indicated that "we" could not request that Negroes refrain from demonstrating.

In view of the valuable information received from this source and the influential position held by Rustin, as well as the communist influence in the Negro movement, the continuance of this tesur for an additional 3 months is deemed essential.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-3-116 ) DATE: 5/18/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
Character of Case COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
Field Office RACIAL MATTERS; IS-C  
Symbol Number NEW YORK  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical) ~~XX~~  
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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

BAYARD RUSTIN

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J  
New York, New York

3. Location

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorization by Bureau airtel to New York,  
11/1/63. Installed on 11/15/63

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? NO

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? NO

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone? NO

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? Private

e. If a party line, how many parties?

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

None

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

None

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached Page 2A and 2B, and 2C.

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

No

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

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14. Cost

a. Rental costs

No cost.

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(S) b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored

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100 surveillances, consisting of lines,

are covered

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2/19/64

Information received that BAYARD RUSTIN conferred with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, CPUSA National Secretary, RUSTIN sought advise of DAVIS as to how he could get out of a speaking engagement on the 26th of February, 1964. RUSTIN said he was apprehensive about speaking in view of his civil rights position. (The foregoing furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/25/64.)

2/23/64

Information received that RUSTIN had been asked by NAACP to direct a march on Albany, New York, on March 10, 1964. (Furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/26/64.)

2/24/64

Information received that RUSTIN contacted A. J. MUSTE (dean of socialist pacifists) informing him that he was scheduled to speak to the Emergency Committee for Disaster Relief to Cuba on February 26, 1964. RUSTIN mentioned that he had conferred with BENJAMIN DAVIS about the matter and that ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP had requested that he not speak because of the possibility of adverse publicity to the civil rights movement.

RUSTIN later told MUSTE that he was not going to speak before the rally because of the fact that sponsors were "fellow travelers or Communists." (Furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum, February 26, 1964.)

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Information was received that NORM HILL (Program Director of CORE) conferred with RUSTIN.

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During conversation HILL related that he was of the opinion that "CP element" had gotten to the Brooklyn and Bronx Chapters of CORE.

Information received that RUSTIN conferred with [redacted] He told her that HILL had remarked that "they" (Communists) also have a strong force in one of the newest CORE Chapters. (Furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 2/26/64.)

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3/31/64

Information received that RUSTIN conferred with secretary to A. PHILIP RANDOLPH (President of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters). RUSTIN dictated a document to her which was to be disseminated to various civil rights leaders and was to bear RANDOLPH's signature. RUSTIN enumerated several developments affecting the civil rights movement. (Furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 4/1/64.)

4/8/64

Information was received that RUSTIN conferred with NORM HILL (Program Director of the Congress of Racial Equality). They discussed plans for demonstrations on the opening day of the New York World's Fair (April 22, 1964). Information disclosed intention of CORE Director that demonstrations would be a national project of CORE; also that Reverend MILTON A. GALAMISON (Chairman Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools in New York City) would be excluded from their plans. (Furnished to Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated, 4/10/64)

4/21/64

Information received that RUSTIN and HILL conferred about World's Fair plans, with RUSTIN remarking that he wanted to be arrested early in the opening day (April 22, 1964).

The source related that HILL and RUSTIN talked

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about MALCOLM X and his offer of \$1000 to students at Howard University, provided they (SNIC) would join ACT (A new organization comprised of local school boycott leaders).

The source also advised that RUSTIN said he would lead a march on the Democratic and Republican Conventions this summer. The marches would be for the purpose of unseating the Mississippi delegation.

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

No cost.

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$19.00 per month

16. Personnel Costs:

- (S) a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working [ ] and total salary costs. b1  
(S) 27 Special Agents, 8 special employees and 3 b2  
clerks [ ] Total Salary cost [ ]

- (S) b. Total number of man hours per week spent [ ]  
(S) 1920 man hours per week available [ ]

- (S) c. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

(S) [ ]

- (S) d. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

(S) [ ]

17. Remarks (By SAC):

In view of the current civil rights struggle, and RUSTIN's participation therein, it is deemed necessary that this source be continued for an additional 90 days, in order that the Bureau might fulfill its responsibilities in furnishing current intelligence information to interested agencies. It is believed that with RUSTIN's contacts this information can be obtained.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)

This is a justification for [ ] a technical surveillance (tesur) on Bayard Rustin, 340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J, New York City, based upon results obtained during the past 3 months. This tesur was authorized on 11/1/63 and installed 11/15/63. Rustin who has admitted prior communist affiliation, continues to be an influential figure in the current Negro movement.

During the past 3 months valuable information was obtained from this source, which information has been utilized in the Bureau's investigation concerning communist influence in racial matters. Examples are: On 2/19/64 this source advised that Rustin conferred with Benjamin J. Davis, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) National Secretary. Rustin desired to know how he could get out of a speaking engagement scheduled for 2/26/64. On 2/23/64, information pertaining to a request of Rustin by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to direct a march on Albany, New York, 3/10/64, was received. On 2/24/64 source advised that according to Rustin he was not going to speak at a rally scheduled for 2/26/64 because sponsors of the event were "fellow travelers or communists" and he feared the possibility of adverse publicity to the civil rights movement. On 2/26/64 information pertaining to a contact between Norman Hill, Program Director of Congress of Racial Equality, (CORE), and Rustin was received. Hill advised that he was of the opinion that the CP had gotten into the Brooklyn and Bronx, New York Chapters of CORE. On 3/31/64 this source advised that Rustin dictated a document to the secretary to A. Philip Randolph (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters) which document was to be disseminated to various civil rights leaders, bearing Randolph's signature. On 4/8/64, information relating to a conference between Rustin and Hill concerning plans for demonstrations on the opening day of the New York World's Fair, 4/22/64, was obtained. This source advised on 4/21/64, that Rustin and Hill conferred about World Fair plans with Rustin remarking that he wanted to be arrested. In addition, Rustin stated he would lead a march on the Democratic and Republican Conventions this summer for the purpose of unseating the Mississippi delegation.

In view of the valuable intelligence data obtained from this source and the influential position held by Rustin in the Negro movement, coupled with communist influence in this movement, the continuance of this tesur for another three months is recommended.

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SAC, New York (100-151548)

1-22-64

Director, FBI (100-3-110)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Floyd  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Phillips

Reurlet (100-148) 1-15-64 "Justification for  
Continuation of Technical or Wiretap Surveillance"  
which set out examples of valuable information obtained  
during the past 30 days through [redacted] a technical  
surveillance on the residence of Bayard Rustin, New York  
City. This surveillance was authorized 11-1-63 and  
installed 11-15-63.

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Reurlet noted that Rustin departed for Europe  
1-4-64 and was not to return until 1-15-64. Your feeling  
was expressed that the information which has been received  
from this source has not been of sufficient value to warrant  
its continuance and that it would be discontinued on 1-31-64  
unless information is received prior to that time which would  
justify continuance of this source.

The Bureau has closely reviewed the information  
which has been obtained from this source since its inception  
11-15-63, and has evaluated its value coupled with the  
important position which Rustin holds in the Negro movement  
today and particularly the communist influences which are  
brought to bear on and through him. Of particular significance  
is the information obtained through this source on 12-15-63  
that Rustin was still maintaining liaison with Ben Davis,  
National Secretary, Communist Party, USA.

It is the Bureau's conclusion that, all factors  
considered, the continuance of [redacted] for another 30  
days is justified and you are instructed, therefore, to not  
discontinue on 1-31-64 as you indicated you would. In view  
of Rustin's absence from his residence for the approximate  
period 1-4-64 to 1-15-64 and so that your next justification

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
KIDING QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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communication will cover a full 30-day period, you are instructed to submit another justification letter to reach the Bureau by 2-15-64. It should contain your recommendation as of that time relative to future continuation of this source.

The foregoing instruction does not preclude your corresponding with the Bureau at an earlier date relative to discontinuance of this source should you feel its continuance is definitely not further justified.

NOTE:

Rustin was Deputy Director of the 2-28-63 March on Washington and is a key figure in the Negro movement and communist influences therein. Of particular significance is his liaison with the Party through Ben Davis. In addition to the 12-16-62 contact with Davis, source also made available information concerning an attempt by Rustin to contact Paul Robeson, Jr., 12-24-62 and on 12-27-62 source advised of plans to close the March on Washington office as well as possible plans for additional demonstrations in connection with civil rights legislation. It will also be recalled that this source furnished information on 11-18-62 which contained details of Rustin's homosexual proclivities which information was not available from any other source. It was of such value that Mr. Tolson noted, and the Director concurred, "Evans might show enclosure to AG when an opportunity presents itself to show up Rustin for what he is."

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# Memorandum

JUNE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-3-116) DATE: 1/13/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
Character of Case IS-C  
Field Office New York  
Symbol Number [REDACTED]  
Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~XX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~)

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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:

BAYARD RUSTIN

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

(S) 340 West 28th St., Apt. 9J,  
New York City

3. Location [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED]

4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:  
Authorization by Bureau airtel to New York, 11/1/63  
Installed on 11/15/63

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized? **NOT RECORDED**

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard? No

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

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1-New York (100-151548) (414)

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? **Private**

e. If a party line, how many parties?

. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

None

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

None

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

None

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

(S)

14. Cost

(S) a. Rental  No cost

(S) (S) b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored

(S) 81 surveillances, consisting of  lines, are covered

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On 12/16/63, information was received that BAYARD RUSTIN made an effort to contact BEN DAVIS on that date at CP Headquarters. When he learned that DAVIS was not there, RUSTIN left a message that he would be unable to keep his appointment with DAVIS that afternoon. (The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 12/17/63).

On 12/24/63, information was received that BAYARD RUSTIN planned to go to Europe for a ten day visit. RUSTIN was to have left on 1/5/64, and would visit London, Copenhagen and Stockholm. RUSTIN attempted to contact PAUL ROBESON, Jr., and left a message for PAUL, Jr. to tell his father that he was delighted to have him back. (The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 12/31/63).

On 12/27/63, information was received that the March on Washington Office would close on 1/20/64. It was decided that the March on Washington would put on demonstrations if there is a filibuster (in connection with civil rights legislation). (The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 12/31/63).

On 12/30/63, information was received that BAYARD RUSTIN was in contact with [redacted] of Derby, Connecticut, and that they discussed RUSTIN's speech in Ansonia, Connecticut, on the next Thursday. [redacted] told RUSTIN about a telephone campaign started against him (RUSTIN) by a veteran's organization. RUSTIN told [redacted] about allegations of his being a Communist, draft dodger, and a homosexual. He said that this had come up during the March on Washington, but the Negro leadership had given him their complete confidence. (The foregoing information was submitted to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 1/2/64).

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On 1/5/64, information was received that BAYARD RUSTIN was in contact with A.J. MUSTE. MUSTE said he would be unable to make the trip to Sweden because he was working on "the Russian visa." (The foregoing was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 1/7/64).

On 1/6/64, information was received that RUSTIN planned to leave for Sweden by plane on 1/6/64, in order to attend an International Peace Conference. (The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 1/7/64).

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

No cost

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

\$19.00 per line per month

16. Personnel Costs:

- (S) a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working [ ] and total salary costs.

35 Special Agents, 8 Special Employees and 3 clerks [ ]

- (S) Total salary cost [ ]

- (S) b. Total number of man hours per week spent [ ]

- (S) 1840 man hours per week available [ ]

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- (S) c. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:

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- (S) d. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

It is to be noted that RUSTIN departed for Europe on 1/6/64, and will not return until 1/15/64. It is felt that the information which has been received from this source has not been of sufficient value to warrant its being continued. [ ] will be discontinued on 1/31/64, unless information is received prior to that time which would justify the continuance of this informant.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

*(If this surveillance involves cryptanalysis, include statement that decrypted material is or is not sufficiently important to continue decrypting.)*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-3-116 )

JUNE

DATE: 12/12/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character of Case IS-C

Field Office

New York

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance: (Technical ~~XX~~  
Microphone)

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1. Name of person or organization on whom surveillance placed:  
BAYARD RUSTIN

2. Address where installation made. Also give exact room number or area covered:

340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J,  
New York City

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3. Location

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4. Dates of initial authorization and installation:

Authorization by Bureau airtel to New York, 11/1/63  
Installed on 11/15/63

5. Previous and other installations on the same subject (with dates and places):

None

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6. If installation is a technical surveillance, answer following questions:

a. Is a trunk line utilized?

No

b. Is the surveillance on a switchboard?

No

c. Is the surveillance on a public coin-operated telephone?

No

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1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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d. Is surveillance on a private line or a party line? Private

e. If a party line, how many parties?

7. If a microphone surveillance involved, state number of microphones actually used and location of each:

None

8. Is the installation part of a tel-mike? If so, give symbol of other side of the combination:

None

9. Specific examples of valuable information obtained since previous report with indication of specific value of each item and the date information received. State what use was made of each item involved: (Add insert pages)

See attached

10. Could above information have been obtained from other sources and by other means?

No

11. Number of live informants (in field division) who cover same subject:

None

12. Has security factor changed since installation?

No

13. Any request for the surveillance by outside agency (give name, title and agency):

No

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14. Cost

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a. Rental costs

No cost

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b. Give total number of other surveillances monitored

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81 surveillances, consisting of lines, are covered

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On 11/16/63, information was received that BAYARD RUSTIN was writing a speech dealing with the civil rights movement, for A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, to have been given at the AFT-CIO Convention in New York. In connection with this, RUSTIN said he planned to meet with RANDOLPH, WALTER REUTHER, REUTHER's assistant, and TOM KAHN.

(The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/18/63).

On 12/5/63, information was received that RUSTIN had contacted MARTIN LUTHER KING on that date in order to invite KING to speak at a conference in New York on 12/13/63, for Turn Toward Peace. KING said he would have to check his schedule and advise him later.

(The foregoing information was forwarded to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 12/6/63).

On 12/5/63, information was received that RUSTIN was trying to raise money for [ ] in order to send her to Mississippi to do a job for Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. The March on Washington office is being closed around Christmas time and the files will be removed in the near future. It was also learned that [ ] has helped RUSTIN in writing speeches for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

(The foregoing information was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 12/10/63).

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- c. If any others, set out the proportionate cost of instant surveillance:

No cost

15. Cost of Leased Line for instant installation?

Cost of leased line not yet submitted by New York Telephone Company.

16. Personnel Costs:

- (S) a. Give total number of special employees and/or Special Agents working [ ] and total salary costs.
- (S) 35 Special Agents, 8 special employees and 3 clerks [ ]
- (S) Total salary cost [ ]
- (S) b. Total number of man hours per week spent [ ]
- 1840 man hours per week available [ ]
- (S) c. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate number of man hours per week spent on instant surveillance:
- (S) [ ]
- (S) d. If other installations monitored [ ] list proportionate salary expense per annum for instant surveillance:
- (S) [ ]

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17. Remarks (By SAC):

In view of the fact that there has been no information from this source which would indicate that BAYARD RUSTIN has come under the influence of the Communist Party in connection with his civil rights activities, it is recommended that this informant be continued for another 30 days at which time a re-evaluation will be made.

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18. Recommendation by Assistant Director:

This is the initial justification for continuation of a technical surveillance (tesur) on Bayard Rustin, 340 West 28th Street, Apartment 9J, New York City. It was authorized 11/1/63 and installed 11/15/63. Rustin, who has admitted previous Communist Party affiliation and who was a principal in the 8/28/63 March on Washington, continues to maintain a leadership position in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. As late as 9/20/63, Rustin and Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, USA, mutually agreed to a future get-together for personal discussions.

Examples of information furnished by this source are as follows: On 11/16/63 information indicating Rustin prepared A. Philip Randolph's speech for the AFL-CIO Convention in New York was received. (Randolph is President of the International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.) On 12/5/63 information was received concerning Rustin's invitation to Martin Luther King to speak at a conference in New York on 12/13/63 for Turn Toward Peace. Also on 12/5/63 information was received that Rustin was trying to raise money for the purpose of sending [redacted] to Mississippi for work with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. [redacted] according to this source, has assisted Rustin in writing speeches for King. ([redacted] was affiliated with the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) as late as July, 1960. The YPSL is an affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.) Information received on 12/5/63 indicated that the March on Washington office isscheduled to be removed in the near future.

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New York recommended that because this source furnished no information which would indicate Rustin has come under Party influence in connection with his civil rights activities it be continued for another 30 days (instead of the usual 90-day period) at which time a re-evaluation will be made. It is imperative that we penetrate the Party's liaison with leaders of the current Negro struggle for civil rights. Information previously received indicates that the Party feels Rustin could be receptive to its contacts. Coverage afforded by this tesur is an important part of the Bureau's over-all coverage of communist influence in racial matters. It is recommended that it be continued for an additional 30 days at which time it will be re-evaluated.

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Date: 11/18/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
 SUBJECT: CPUSA  
 NEGRO QUESTION  
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
 IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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ReBuairtel to NY dated 11/1/63.

Tesur, BAYARD RUSTIN, 340 W. 28th St., apt. 9J,  
 NYC, YU 9-9890, installed 4:15 p.m., 11/15/63. Symbol  
 Number CONF. INFT. assigned.

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Special Agent in Charge

G. C. WICK

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1 - J. D. Donohue

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**PERSONAL ATTENTION**  
**JUNE**

Mr. J. F. Malone  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Malone:

In accordance with our agreement with the New York  
Telephone Company, I am attaching letters to [redacted]  
[redacted] of the New York Telephone Company,  
requesting leased line facilities for surveillances on  
Bayard Rustin [redacted]

You should arrange for a representative of your office  
to present my letters to [redacted] in accordance with established  
procedures.

If for any reason you do not utilize these surveillances,  
the Bureau should be notified in order that its records may be  
maintained in a current status.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

APPROPRIATE [redacted]  
FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF [redacted]  
DATE 5/23-77

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1 - Case File

1 - Bayard Rustin

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Mr. J. F. Malone  
New York

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**NOTE:**

Technical surveillance authorized on Rustin by AG  
10-31-63. New York Office notified by airtel dated 11-1-63.  
Leased line requested of telephone company by New York Office  
on 11-4-63. Letter to telephone company dated 11-4-63. ✓

Technical surveillance authorized [redacted]

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(C) [redacted]  
(C) Leased line letter necessary [redacted] New  
requested of telephone company by New York Office on 10-31-63. Leased line  
Letter to telephone company dated 10-31-63. ✓

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November 4, 1963

[Redacted]

New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York, New York

Dear [Redacted]

In connection with investigations being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under its lawful and established jurisdiction, it is requested that you furnish to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at the usual commercial rates, leased line facilities between the points set out hereinafter. This request is made upon the specific authorization of the Attorney General of the United States for the purpose of obtaining information in a case involving the national security or the jeopardy of human life and conforming to the conditions of emergency in which special technical facilities are required. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

It is requested that leased line facilities be furnished as follows:

From: 330-340 West 28th Street,  
New York, New York.

To: [Redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**NOTE:**

This is an enclosure to Bulet dated 11-4-63. to Assistant  
Director Malone New York Bayard Rustin [Redacted]

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1 - Bayard Rustin

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**Airtel**

1 - Mr. Eland  
1 - Mr. Bess  
1 - Mr. J. D. Donohue

**To: SAC, New York**

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**From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)**

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**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
KIDNAP QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Provided full security assured, authority  
granted install tesur on residence Rayard Rustin,  
Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York City.

Advise time and date installation, symbol  
number and telephone number.

Submit justification 30 days after instal-  
lation and each three months thereafter. Necessary  
leased line letter follows.

**NOTE:**

This is an investigative-type tesur. There are 56  
such tesurs in operation and 17 are awaiting installation.  
The limit is 75.

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# ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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1-Belmont 1-Donohue  
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1-Baumgardner  
1-Bland

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October 26, 1963

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
HUNG QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Bayard Rustin resides at Apartment 2J, 240 West 26th Street, New York, New York. Rustin, who was the Deputy Director of the August 28, 1963, March on Washington, continues to participate in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. According to a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), while at a recent meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, indicated that he is maintaining liaison with Rustin. Davis also commented recently, according to this same source, that the Negroes are now willing to know what the Communist Party has to say and to welcome whatever support the communists can give "in this new stage, which is how to break the resistance of the Dixiecrats and how to stop the McCarran Act."

In order to obtain further information concerning the plans of the CPUSA relating to influence in racial matters, it is requested that authority be granted to place a technical surveillance on the residence of Bayard Rustin or on any future residence to which he moves.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1-100-158790 (Rustin)

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**Memorandum for the Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 10/25/63 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, Internal Security - Communist," ECD:knj. This memorandum classified "~~Secret~~" since it refers to a technical surveillance, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national security. The confidential source utilized is

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan J U N E

October 25, 1963

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

This is a recommendation requesting the Attorney General's authority for installation of a technical surveillance (tesur) on the residence of Bayard Rustin, Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York, New York.

### Background

Bayard Rustin, at one time an ardent pacifist, reportedly joined the Young Communist League in 1936. In a speech in 1960 he stated he was a former Communist Party (CP) member. Rustin, who was the Deputy Director of the 8/28/63 March on Washington, has been arrested on several occasions for activities in connection with racial demonstrations. He was secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., 1956 to 1960 and recent information indicates he may take a position in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. On 9/20/63 Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), at which time they (Rustin and Davis) mutually agreed to get together for further personal discussions. At a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, held on 9/25/63, Davis stated that Rustin calls him constantly. Davis recently commented that the Negroes are now willing to know what the CP has to say and will welcome whatever support and leadership communists can give.

### Observations

The increasing importance attached to Communist influence in racial matters necessitates our giving all aspects of this matter preferred attention. Coverage of contacts between Party functionaries and recognized leaders in the current Negro struggle for civil rights is one of the most important goals of our investigations. It is imperative that we penetrate the Party's liaison with Rustin in order to stay on top of this matter. The requested tesur should afford excellent coverage not only of the Party influence on Rustin, but also furnish current information concerning influential leaders in the current Negro struggle who are considered sympathetic and receptive to an approach by the Party. This information is not otherwise available.

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1 - 100-158790 (Rustin)

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NIGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
100-3-116

At present there are 55 investigative tesurs in operation plus 15 others which are pending, for a total of 70.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum for the Attorney General go forward requesting authority to install a tesur on Bayard Rustin.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile 100-3-116 ) DATE: 10/23/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
Character of Case IS-C  
Field Office New York  
Symbol Number  
Type of Surveillance (Technical ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~)

1. Name and address of subject:

(S) BAYARD RUSTIN  
Apartment 9J  
340 West 28th Street NYC

2. Location

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3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

None

4. Cost and manpower involved:

Cost not known until installed  
Manpower - 8.7 hours per week

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5. Adequacy of security:

Full security assured.

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6. Type of case involved:

Internal Security - C

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

BAYARD RUSTIN continues to maintain a leadership position in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. RUSTIN has admitted having been a member of the Communist Party. Recently, RUSTIN has been in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, National Secretary of the CPUSA, and it was agreed that they would hold further discussions.

8. Specific information being sought:

Any information which indicates that RUSTIN is being influenced by the Communist Party in connection with his civil rights activities.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

In view of the information indicating that RUSTIN and DAVIS will enter into further discussions, it is felt that the possibility exists that they will telephonically communicate with one another to discuss racial matters.

10. Importance of case and subject:

See 7, 8 and 9 above.

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11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail):

None

12. Risks of detection involved:

Negligible to none.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Indefinite.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency):

None.

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15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

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10/15/63

- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Phillips
- 1 - Mr. Floyd
- 1 - Mr. Benz

**Airtel**

**To: SAC, New York (100-151542)**

**JUNE**

**From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)**

**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

**Reurairtel 10/14/63.**

Referenced airtel requested authority to conduct a survey for a technical surveillance on Telephone Number TU 9-9890, subscribed to by Bayard Rustin, Apartment 9J, 340 West 28th Street, New York, New York.

Commensurate with full security, authority for survey is granted. Upon completion you should submit your recommendation setting forth full details and whether or not full security is assured.

1 - 100-158790 (Rustin)

**NOTE:**

Bayard Rustin, who has admitted past Communist Party (CP) affiliation and who was Deputy Director of the March on Washington (8/28/63), continues to maintain a leadership position in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. Rustin has recently been in contact with Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CPUSA, and they have agreed to meet in the future for personal discussions. Technical coverage of Rustin has the potentiality of greatly assisting the Bureau's efforts in not only determining communist efforts to exploit the racial situation but also to furnish intelligence data as a prerequisite to steps to be taken which would neutralize the Party's endeavors to influence the Negro. There are now 56 investigative technical surveillances in operation plus 7 awaiting installation.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Phillips  
1 - Mr. Dene  
1 - Mr. Floyd

As you are well aware it is our immediate responsibility to not only take every available measure in determining communist efforts to exploit the racial situation and the extent of the Party's influence among the Negro people, but also to take necessary steps to neutralize and frustrate the Party's endeavors. To insure that we are making every effort to meet these responsibilities the Bureau is currently considering the possibility of installing technical-type coverage on the activities of Bayard Rustin.

Rustin, who has admitted past Communist Party affiliation and who was a principal in the 8/28/63 March on Washington, continues to maintain a leadership position in the current Negro struggle for civil rights. The "New York Herald Tribune," in its issue dated 8/14/63, indicated that Rustin was secretary to Martin Luther King, Jr., from 1956 to 1960. As of 11/1/62 Rustin was Assistant Secretary for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Recently information has been received indicating Rustin may possibly replace Hunter Pitts O'Dell at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference office in New York. Rustin has recently been in contact with Benjamin Davis, National Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, and on 9/20/63 Rustin and Davis mutually agreed to a future get together for personal discussions. Such information gives every indication that Davis is or will be in a position to influence Rustin.

The New York Office after carefully considering all aspects of this matter including the daily activities of

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Rustin should furnish the Bureau its comments and recommendations as to establishing technical coverage (technical and/or microphone surveillances). Information from New York should include a complete firm picture of the situation on which the Bureau can base an unqualified decision. This should not be construed by New York as authority for a survey. A request for authorization should be included along with New York's recommendations if technical-type coverage appears feasible and advisable by the New York Office.

Correspondence in this matter should be handled under the caption of this letter marked "June."